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SUBJECT

Report on the marketing of groundnuts in India and Burma

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The Deputy Commissioner of Districts

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17 FEB 1942
Serial No
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From

The Secretary, Imperial Council of Agricultural Research New Delhi

No F 32/1/41-A dt 9/1/42

Forwards for necessary action report of the Oil Seeds Committee and the Advisory Board of Oct 1941 on the marketing of Groundnuts in India and Burma.

Subd -

There is only one subject, item No (iv) in the report, that relates to this Branch The report states that "Where octroi and terminable charges are levied on groundnuts they should be levied as an oil seeds and not as an edible material" Dt 10 for orders Whether the Govt circular letter put up may not issue instns in proposed to issue an order But a Subd for orders suggestion seems better

Approved

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16/2 - Under the schedules relating to the levy of octroi & the several articles in Mkts, affixed to the city, Town Mkts

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Marketing of Groundnuts in India and Burma

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Acts of 1933, only "oilseeds" are mentioned not "groundnut"

A draft letter to the Govt of India conveying the suggestion of the Imperial Council of Agricultural research as put up for approval copy thereof will be sent to the President, Agronomy Board of the Council Meeting

may be approved

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To

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts

No L 7750-58 Dt 26 2 1942

Directs the levy of octroi duty on Groundnuts as levied on all oil seeds and not as on edible material

B 27/2/42

To

The MC Comr Bangalore City Secy to the President

The President, City MC Mysore

No L 7759-60 Dt 26.2.'42

Forwards copies of letter

SECY LAW DEPT 1448 17 FEB 1942 GOVT OF MYSORE

No.F 32/1/41-A

Imperial Council of Agricultural Research,
Bhavnagal House, 5, Prithviraj Road,
New Delhi, the 9th January 1942

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17 FEB 1942

From

B Sahay, Esq., I C S

Secretary

To

The Governments of Madras, Bombay Central Provinces and Berar, Orissa, Hyderabad and Mysore

Subject -Report on the marketing of Groundnuts in India and Burma

Sir,

I am directed to say that the report on the marketing of groundnuts in India and Burma was considered by the Oilseed Committee and the Advisory Board in October 1941 The following suggestions made by the Board are brought to the notice of the Provincial/State Government for necessary action -

(i) Where improved and early maturing varieties are available and better methods of cultivation known, steps should be taken to introduce them under cultivators' condition where a particular variety is considered suitable for a particular tract, steps should be taken to popularise that variety in such tract

I am to enquire what improved varieties are available, what area is occupied by them at present and what steps are being taken to replace the existing by the improved varieties

(ii) In areas where standard yields have not yet been worked out, crop cutting experiments should be conducted to ascertain the standard yields

I am to enquire if there are any areas in the provice/State where groundnuts are grown on an appreciable scale but for which no standard yields have yet been worked out and if so to request that this may kindly be done

(iii) Regulated markets should be established in order to exercise proper control over market charges and practices and standard weights and measures introduced, in provirces and states here these have not been done.

It is presumed that these matters are already receiving the attention of the Provincial/State Government

(iv) Where Octroi and terminable charges are levied on groundnuts they should be levied as on oilseeds and not as on edible material

It is requested that municipal and other bodies may, if there is no objection, kindly be instructed to take action accordingly

(v) The Provincial/State marketting staff should take steps to make prices at key markets widely known in rural areas

It is requested that the necessary instructions may be

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issued to them so that this may be done if found feasible

(vi) Co-operative and other organisations should be established for providing facilities of finance for producers as also to undertake the process of decorticating, grading, packing and despatch to consumers

This is commended for the favourable consideration of the province/state

(vii) Grading and marking of handpicked selected nuts and kernels under the Agricultural Produce Act should be extended

If approved necessary instructions may be issued accordingly to the marketing staff

(viii) As regards groundnut cake, it has been recommended that (i) it should be produced from decorticated nuts (ii) propaganda should be carried on to encourage its use as cattle food, except in those areas where there is prejudice against this practice, for which areas steps should be taken ascertain by experiment whether the cake is suitable and in what quantities it should be fed and (iii) propaganda should be carried out to encourage its use as manure, the economics of the use of the cattle for manuring of rice and cotton being worked out if this has not already been done.

I am to suggest that the Provincial/State Government may give effect to these suggestions and to enquire whether cattle owners have any objection to the use of groun nut cake as a cattle feed in any part of the province/State and whether the economics of manuring with groundnut cake has been worked out. It may be pointed out in this connection that a special fund has been created by the Government of India for financing work on groundnuts intended to give relief to the cultivators thereof.

(ix) The village chekkus should be improved and steps should be taken to introduce improved chekkus on a wide scale where these were available.

I am to request that the Provincial/State Government may take action accordingly.

2 I am to request that action may kindly be taken under each item as indicated above and this office may kindly be informed of the Provincial/State Government's decision on suggestions Nos 1, 2 and 8 above by the 1st April 1941.

3 A Statement showing some of the suggestions on which the Advisory Board recommended that no action was necessary at present is enclosed for information

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd B Sahay

Secretary,

Statement showing points on which the Advisory Board considered that no action is necessary at present

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(1) It had been suggested that research should be undertaken with a view to producing nuts with a high percentage of kernels In view however of the facts that the proportion of kernels to nuts in shell varied with the variety and not with the treatment and that, this aspect is normally attended to in all attempts to evolve new varieties, no special recommendation on the point was considered necessary

(2) It was felt that no action was necessary on the suggestions that

(a) efforts should be made to co-ordinate estimates of stocks made by various trade agencies and to publish them for the use of the trade

(b) steps should be taken to prevent the development of free fatty acids, by (i) improving conditions of storage and reducing length of storage especially in humid atmosphere at ports, (ii) reducing interval between decortication and shipment, (iii) avoiding unnecessary handling and (iv) careful shipments from ports to ships, especially in monsoon months

(c) organised "futures" trading should be introduced so as to moderate price fluctuations and

(d) the hydrogenated groundnut oil industry should be developed

(3) It had been suggested that steps should be taken to mark pure chekku oil of good quality to secure for it the premium which the market is prepared to pay It was considered that it would be very difficult to give effect to this suggestion and that therefore no action need be taken about it at present

No action was considered necessary as regards the following suggestions, most of them had been dealt with in connection with the adulteration of ghee by the Milk Products Committee -

(a) The production or vanaspati for the Indian market should be controlled and the establishment of new factories prevented if necessary

(b) The possibility of levying an excise duty on vanaspati may be examined and part of the proceeds earmarked for development

(c) Vanaspati dealers should be licenced and should not be allowed to trade in or stock ghee

(d) Persons selling food products in the preparations of which vanaspati is used should be required to display a sign to that effect

(e) ~~Mixing~~ Mixing of ghee and vanaspati should be made an offence

(f) The addition of synthetic essences to vanaspati to make it resemble ghee should be prohibited

(g) The addition of vitamins to vanaspati should be encouraged

(h) The Food Adulteration Act should be more vigorously enforced

To, The L S G branch for taking necessary action regarding items concerned in it

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K Krishnappa
for Secretary to Government
General Department

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File No 112-41

Serial No 35.

No L7750-58

To

The Secy of Govt of India,

Diary No of letter replied to

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Date of issue 26th Feby '42

Signed by Mr. G Ramachandra Rao

Sir,

In forwarding herewith the marginally noted extract from letter No F 32/1/41-A dated the 9th January 1942 received from the Secretary, Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi I am directed to state that in cases wherein octroi is levied on grandmutton or on any of the items mentioned in your Notification it should be levied as

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memo L7759-60/HC dated 26th Feb '42
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information & necessary action
By
The Secretary
Treasury Dept

Copy to A. J. A. Branch

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No L2750-58
MC112-41-35

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated Bangalore 26th February 1942.

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

To Law Department.

The Deputy Commissioner,

District.

SIR

In forwarding herewith the marginally noted extract from letter No.F.32/1/41-A dated the 9th January 1942 received from the Secretary, Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi,

(iv) Where octroi & terminable charges are levied on groundnuts, they should be levied as o oil seeds and not as on edible material.

I am directed to state that, in cases wherein octroi is levied on groundnuts in any of the Town and Minor Municipalities in your District, it should be levied as on oil seeds and not as on edible material as suggested therein and to request that effect may be given to this suggestion.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Ramachandra
for Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

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COVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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